











About the Competition...

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation has once again partnered with the Indiana Arts Commission to support **2010-2011 Poetry Out Loud,** a **FREE** high school program which encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This exciting program helps high school students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for college scholarship funding.

In order to compete, schools <u>must</u> register through the contact listed below. All materials and resources will be provided. Competitions will first be implemented in fall 2010 at the school or classroom level to identify one student to represent their school at the regional finals. Regional and state final competitions will be held in late February 2011 to determine the state winner representing Indiana at the National Finals in Washington DC, April 27-29.

Each winner at the state level will receive:

- \$200 cash prize
- All-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete for the national championship
- \$500 school stipend for the purchase of poetry books.



For more information or to register your school, please contact Susan Britsch at sbritsch@iac.IN.gov or (317) 232-1281 or visit www.poetryoutloud.org